
EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT AND
REASON FOR ALLOWANCE

BACKGROUND

1. This action is responsive to the following communications: Amendment filed on 1/15/2008.
2. Claims 21, 23-27, 29-33, and 35-38 are allowed in this case. Claims 21, 27, and 33 are independent in form.

EXAMINERS AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given during a telephone interview with Adam J. Citrin (Reg. No. 58,617) on May 5 , 2008

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 21, please amend in the following manner:

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21. (Currently Amended by the examiner) A method for timed text display on a communications device, said method comprising:

controlling a display of a communications device using a Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) application; and

specifying a minimum duration in said SIM application for which text must be displayed;

wherein the minimum duration must lapse prior to permitting a user to clear said text, and wherein said step of specifying a duration comprises setting the value of a duration data object for a DISPLAY TEXT command in said SIM application.

Claim 22 has been cancelled.

In claim 24, please amend in the following manner: replace "22" with --21--.

In claim 27, please amend in the following manner:

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27. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium comprising computer-executable instructions, which, when executed, cause a computer to perform the steps of:

controlling a display of a communications device
using a Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) application; and

specifying a minimum duration for which text must
be displayed;

wherein the minimum duration must lapse
prior to permitting a user to clear said text,
and wherein said step of specifying a duration
comprises setting the value of a duration data
object for a DISPLAY TEXT command in said SIM
application.

Claim 28 is cancelled.

In claim 30, please amend in the following manner: replace "28" with --27--.

In claim 33, please amend in the following manner:

33. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for displaying timed text, said apparatus comprising:

a Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) comprising a memory, said memory being configured to store a SIM application;

said SIM application configured to specify a minimum duration in the SIM application for which text must be displayed and

a display device for presenting said text to a user of the apparatus;

wherein the minimum duration must lapse prior to permitting a user to clear said text, and wherein said SIM application comprises a duration data object for a DISPLAY TEXT command.

Claim 34 is cancelled.

In claim 36, please amend in the following manner: replace "34" with --33--.

CONCLUSION

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Samir Termanini whose telephone number is (571) 270-1047. The Examiner can normally be reached from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M., Monday through Friday (excluding alternating Fridays).

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Stephen S. Hong can be reached on (571) 272-4124. The fax

phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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